

REMARKS

The above amendments is submitted for meeting the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121. With respect to the Claim Rejections by the Examiner given in the Office Action Summary dated June 8, 2006, the amendments are made for overcoming the claim rejections as follows:

In Claims 1-3, the phrases "cylindrical circular" and "having a symmetry plane" are added in restricting the annular walls of the vent-tubing and the vent-cap, and the phrase "on the symmetry plane of said annular wall" is added in restricting the positions of the vent holes in the vent-tubing and the vent-cap. The phrase "by twisting of said top vent-cap" is added for describing the selective closing and opening of the vent holes, which are enabled by the cylindrical circular configuration of the vent-cap. These phrases are used in the specification page 6, line 11, line 22 and page 9, line 9.

With respect to the toothbrush container of Hofmann, Hofmann does not have vent holes for air circulation of the toothbrush while placed inside the container. For the toothbrush container of Robinson et al., its annular wall is not of circular configuration and it does not have opposite vent holes for air circulation. The rejection of Claims 1-2 by the Examiner for the reason of obviousness with routine skill in the art is objected by the applicant for the reason that combining Hofmann's and that of Robinson et al. does not create air circulation for the toothbrush placed inside such a combined container. The use of opposing vent holes positioned on the symmetry planes of cylindrical circular walls of vent-tubing and vent-cap for enabling twisting action for selective closing and opening of the vent holes for air circulation and for preventing drying of toothpaste is not an obvious skill in the art.

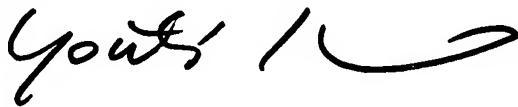
The Claims 4-11 are unchanged in view of the amendments in Claims 1-3 as the dental floss dispenser is mounted on a vent-cap having opposing vent holes. The rejection of Claims 6-9 by the Examiner for the combination of Hofmann in view of Robinson et al. and Labranche et al. is objected by the applicant for the reason that the cover of Labranche et al. does not provide vent holes for air circulation for the toothbrush while placed inside the cover.

The objection of Claims 3-5, 10 and 11 by the Examiner as being dependent on the rejected base claim is overcome by the currently amended Claims 1-3.

Favorable reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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